

2005 Consolidated Plan Preliminary List of Draft Strategies - 8/31/04

Housing Division's Preliminary Draft Strategies:

- Direct HOME resources to activities to prevent homelessness and enable people who are already homeless to quickly access housing and services so they can transition to affordable permanent housing.
- Create an integrated and coordinated one-stop housing preservation program for owner-occupied housing that pools, HOME, Housing Trust Fund and Community Development Block Grant funds for: emergency, minor and moderate repair, substantial rehabilitation; energy efficiency; health and safety improvements.
- Reduce the housing cost burden on extremely low, low-income and special needs renter households by directing HOME resources to activities that provide housing subsidies.
- Use available technology to enhance citizen participation plan and increase communication on decision-making process in planning for housing and community development needs in Washington State.

State CDBG Program's Preliminary Draft Strategies:

- Maintain CDBG upper grant limits for local priority projects that address public health and safety issues in low-income communities or provide necessary gap financing for low-income communities.
- Identify sources of funds to invest in local economic development revolving loan funds that are short of capital or that are willing to provide service to counties that are currently underserved.
- Provide funding to upgrade water and sewer systems to protect public health and the environment in support of state and federal regulatory objectives.
- Coordinate a reallocation of CDBG and state Community Service Block Grant (CSBG) funds to address the change in CDBG entitlement status for counties currently receiving a CDBG Public Service Grant.
- Seek to ensure flexible grant and technical assistance using methods of distribution that ensure funds are available to respond to the wide variety of emerging community development needs prioritized by local governments.